(ग) जी, नहीं।

(घ) और (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Education of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in Punjab

1278. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of SC/ST students who have completed their education upto primary level/middle level/matriculation level/ higher secondary level/Graduation level and post Graduation level during the period 1994-95 in the country particularly in the State of Punjab, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): Provisional estimates of SC/ST students enrolled at various stages of education during 1994-95 are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 175, Annexure No. 34.] The information regarding number of SC/ ST students who have completed each stage is not maintained by the Ministry.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में जनजातियों को अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूची में शामिल किया जाना

1279. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश के जनप्रतिनिधियों, सरकार और स्थानीय जनता द्वारा सरकार से वर्ष 1966 के उपरांत हिमाचल प्रदेश में सम्मिलित किए गए क्षेत्रों के गद्दियों और गुर्जरों को भी 1966 से पूर्व हिमाचल में बसे गद्दियों और गुर्जरो की भाँति अनुसूचित जनजाति घोषित करने का अनुरोध किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा पुराने अर्थात् 1966 से पहले के हिमाचल प्रदेश और नये अर्थात् 1966 के बाद के हिमाचल प्रदेश के निवासियों से संबद्ध इस विसंगति को दूर करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी): (क) और (ख) जी हां। उन क्षेत्रों जो वर्ष 1966 में पंजाब के पुनर्गठन के कारण हिमाचल प्रदेश राज्य को स्थानान्तरित किए गए थे से संबंधित गद्दी तथा गुर्जर समुदायों को अनुसूचित जनजातियों के रूप में अधिसूचित करने के लिए जन प्रतिनिधियों, राज्य सरकार तथा हिमाचल प्रदेश के स्थानीय लोगों से अनुरोध/ प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं।

(ग) अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों की सूचियों में प्रस्तावित व्यापक संशोधन के संदर्भ में इस प्रस्ताव की जांच की जा रही है।

Diminishing Expenditure on Horticulture

1280. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the diminishing expenditure on Horticulture during the last three years when compared to a target of Rs. 1,000 crores set under the Eighth Plan;

(b) the planned development projects, under implementation both for horticulture and floriculture under the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the efforts underway to develop hybrid varieties of Mango, Guava, Banana and Cashew?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) The release of funds during the first two years of VIII Plan was relatively low as approvals for major schemes could be obtained only by the end of November, 1993. The major components of the scheme for horticulture development are for creating infrastructural facilities, which have a comparatively longer take off period. However, from 1994-95 onwards, releases and expenditure have picked up and are expected to gain further momentum in the last two years of the Eighth Plan.

(b) The development programmes in horticulture under implementation cover ongoing scheme for improving productivity & production of fruits,

coconut, vegetables, cashewnuts, spices and plantation crops and new schemes for the development of medicinal & aromatic plants, mushroom, floriculture, betelvine, root & tuber crops and beekeeping. Besides these, major schemes on use of plastics and development of infrastructure for post harvest handling and marketing are also being continued.

In floriculture, the programmes and projects include the establishment of model floriculture centres, creating facilities for post harvest handling and management and providing for improved quality planting material.

(c) As a result of the efforts of Indian Council of Agricultural Research, promising and superior varieties of mango, guava, banana and cashew have been developed, as indicated below:

1. Mango: Mallika, Amrapalli, Ratna, Sindhu, Arka Puneet, Arka Aruna and Arka Anmol.
2. Guava: Arka Mridula and Arka Amulya.
3. Banana: Co-1, H-1 and H-2
4. Cashew: Anakayam-1, Bapatla (BPP) 1-6, BLA-1, Vengurla 1-6, Ullal 1-3, NRCC 1 and 2, Chintamani-1.

Setting up of Physical Teachers' Training Institutes

1281. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the training facilities available for the Physical Training Instructors in Schools and Colleges in the country are not adequate;

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up adequate number of physical teachers' training institutes; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK): (a) The Government of India has not conducted any study as yet to evaluate the adequacy of training facilities for Physical Training Instructors in the Country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Setting up of University for Dravidian Studies

1282. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a University for Dravidian Studies is being set up in Andhra Pradesh at Kuppum;

(b) whether Government/UGC has been approached to fund this university; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will institute UGC chairs in this prestigious University to study contribution of Dravidian movement on the national politics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION & DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) It is understood that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has initiated steps for establishing an Institute/University of Dravidian Studies at Kuppum in the State.

(b) In response to a request from the Andhra Pradesh Government for provision of funds for this purpose, it has been clarified that under the existing guidelines for funding of State Universities by UGC, there is no provision for prior commitment of funds to a State University.

(c) It is for the proposed Institute/ University, as and when it is established, to consider proposals for institution of chairs.